

## REMARKS

Applicants have presented new claims in connection with the filing of a request for continued examination. No new subject matter is introduced with this amendment.

Claims finally rejected by the Decision on Appeal have been cancelled with this amendment in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application and obtain allowance on the merits.

Claim 38 was allowed by the Decision on Appeal. The present amendment places this claim in independent form by including the limitations of claim 37 and claim 23.

Claim 39 was found allowable by the Decision on Appeal and is not amended herein as it already depends from claim 38, which is hereby rewritten into independent form.

Claim 40 is amended to change its dependency to claim 38.

Claims 49-66 are additional claims presented by this amendment – including independent claims 49 and 60. By these amendments, Applicants have expressly added several limitations into the claims. While certain of these limitations were previously argued by the Applicants as overcoming the prior art, the Decision on Appeal noted that such limitations were not expressly set forth in the claims. In effort to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants have now added such limitations expressly into the language of claims 49-66.

Therefore, the presently presented claims are respectfully presented solely in effort to further prosecution on the merits and obtain allowance. Applicant respectfully submits the claims should be allowed. Continued examination of the present application is respectfully requested. A fee for an RCE is included. If any other fee or extension of time is required to obtain the entry of this response, the undersigned hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant any

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necessary time and extension and authorize its charging deposit account no. 04-1403 for any such fee not submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned if any issues remain after this amendment. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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